## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	Message Authentication using Messages Gates in a Distributed Computing Environment			

## AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL OF MARCH 30, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted as an amendment following the Decision on Appeal of March 30, 2009, and to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

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Please amend the case as listed below.